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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7-2-2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The indicated allowability of claims 1-36 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Kawamura et al. (EP 0903679 A2). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is not clear what is meant by claim 26 since it seems to merely repeat the voice mail and telephone call options for the plurality of communication options already recited in claim 25, lines 9-10. The examiner assumes that the applicant meant that the selected one or more of the plurality of communication options includes....

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 8, 12 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kawamura et al. (EP 0903679 A2).

With respect to the claims below, references to the prior art appear in parenthesis.

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Claim

1. *A method for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication (LAN in Kawamura (paragraph 0002) is a packet-switched communication system), comprising:*

receiving, by means of a packet switched network, a request from a second user for graphical information associated with the first user (Third person request for information for an employee (paragraph 0102-0103) results in the graphical information of Figure 10 on the requesting user's computer display);

providing the second user with the graphical information, wherein the graphical information comprises one or more fields for receiving an inputted text message for the first user and at least one communication option for transmission of the inputted text message to the first user, the at least one communication option being at least one of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call (Graphical information shown in Kawamura's Figure 10 includes a field for receiving inputted text message for the first user with respect to the "Message Mail-Contents" field, wherein the text message is transmitted by electronic mail (paragraph 0103)); and

in response to input from the second user, providing the text message to the first user by means of the at least one communication option ("There is a message" is displayed to the first user (paragraph 0101)).

8. *The method of Claim 1, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a listing of individuals, a corresponding skill of each listed individual, and contact information associated with each of the listed individuals (Graphical information includes the listing in Figure 12, wherein managers are specified and wherein the corresponding skill includes the "Fourth Development" or "Third Development").*

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12. *The method of Claim 1, wherein the communication devices of the first and second users are part of an enterprise network (Users are employees of the same business, wherein the devices are used for keeping track of one another (paragraph 0042)).*

49. *A computer readable medium comprising processor executable instructions to perform the steps of Claim 1 (Kawamura uses computers (paragraph 0002)).*

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 3, 10, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al.

Kawamura does not teach a Web page for displaying the graphical information of Figure 10. However, the graphical information is displayed on portable personal computers connected to a LAN wherein information communication can be carried out everywhere (paragraph 0002). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the graphical information as a Web page since the Web page format is universally available everywhere.

Kawamura does not teach authentication of the second user (i.e. requesting user) for receiving presence and availability information. However, providing authentication for a requesting user of presence and availability information of another user would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made for the reason that

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users have an expectation of privacy for keeping personal information private from others that are not entitled to the personal information. For example, an employee would have an expectation of privacy of keeping their presence and availability information private from strangers, while not having an expectation of privacy for their presence and availability with respect to their supervisors or their customers. With respect to the claims below, references to the prior art appear in parenthesis.

Claims

3. *The method of Claim 1, wherein the provided graphical information is configured as at least one Web page (Obvious to format the graphical information as a Web page since this format is universally available).*

10. *The method of Claim 1, wherein the providing step comprises:*
authenticating the identification of the second user;
applying one or more rules to determine for the second user what presence and availability information which the second user is entitled to receive; and
including such presence and availability information in the provided graphical information (Obvious to provide authentication in Kawamura since the user whose presence and availability are provided in the graphical form in Figure 10 would have had an expectation of privacy with regards to the people receiving their personal information).

11. *The method of Claim 10, wherein, when the authenticating step is not successful, the provided graphical information does not include the presence and availability information which the second user is entitled to receive (Obvious to not provide presence and availability information to requesting users who are strangers, rather than supervisors or customers of the user supplying the personal information).*

8. Claims 2, 9, 13-16, 21-27, 32-40, and 45-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al. in view of IDC Executive Brief ('Speech Interfaces Drive Mobile Responsiveness').

Kawamura provides a plurality of options for contacting the user in Figure 10 such as the extension telephone, destination telephone and message mail. Kawamura does not teach a plurality of options for transmitting the inputted text message. However, the IDC Executive Brief clearly teaches a text/speech interface for providing options for the transmission of text messages (see 'Messaging Applications' on page 2, wherein email can be forwarded to a voice device such as a cell phone). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a plurality of options for transmitting the inputted text message in the graphical information of Figure 10 in Kawamura since the IDC Executive Brief clearly teaches a plurality of options for transmitting text messages with the use of a speech interface. With respect to the claims below, references to the prior art appear in parenthesis.

Claims

2. *The method of Claim 1, wherein the at least one communication option is a plurality of communication options, wherein the input from the second user includes a selection of one or more of the plurality of communication options, and wherein the selected one or more of the communication options includes at least one of voice mail and a telephone call (IDC Executive Brief teaches providing a plurality of options for transmitting text messages by using a speech interface for converting text to voice).*

9. *The method of Claim 2, wherein, when the at least one of voice mail and a telephone call is selected by the second user, the method further comprises:*
converting the inputted text message into a corresponding audio message; and
forwarding the corresponding audio message to the first user by means of the selected at least one of voice mail and a telephone call (IDC Executive Brief teaches voicemail and telephone call with regards to the use of the text to voice speech interface ('Messaging Applications' on page 2)).

13. *A method for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:*

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receiving, by means of a packet switched network, a request from a second user for graphical information associated with the first user (Kawamura teaches providing the graphical information of Figure 10 to a requesting user);

providing the second user with the graphical information, wherein the graphical information comprises one or more fields for receiving an inputted text message for the first user (Graphical information shown in Kawamura's Figure 10 includes a field for receiving inputted text message for the first user with respect to the "Message Mail-Contents" field, wherein the text message is transmitted by electronic mail (paragraph 0103));

*converting the inputted text message into a corresponding audio stream; and
sending the corresponding audio stream to least one of a live voice communication device and a voice mail repository associated with the first user (IDC Executive Brief teaches voicemail and telephone call with regards to the use of the text to voice speech interface ('Messaging Applications' on page 2)).*

14. *The method of Claim 13, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a plurality of communication options for transmission of the inputted text message to the first user, the plurality of communication options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call and further comprising:*

when the second user selects one or more of the plurality of communication options, providing the text message to the first user by means of the selected one or more communication options (IDC Executive Brief teaches providing a plurality of options for transmitting text messages by using a speech interface for converting text to voice).

15. *The method of Claim 14, wherein the selected one or more of the plurality of communication options includes at least one of voice mail and a telephone call (IDC Executive Brief teaches voicemail and telephone call with regards to the use of the text to voice speech interface ('Messaging Applications' on page 2)).*

16. *The method of Claim 13, wherein the provided graphical information is configured as at least one Web page (Obvious to format the graphical information as a Web page since this format is universally available).*

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21. *The method of Claim 13, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a listing of individuals, a corresponding skill of each listed individual, and contact information associated with each of the listed individuals (Graphical information includes the listing in Figure 12, wherein managers are specified and wherein the corresponding skill includes the "Fourth Development" or "Third Development").*

22. *The method of Claim 13, wherein the providing step comprises:*
authenticating the identification of the second user;
applying one or more rules to determine for the second user what presence and availability information which the second user is entitled to receive; and
including such presence and availability information in the provided graphical information (Obvious to provide authentication in Kawamura since the user whose presence and availability are provided in the graphical form in Figure 10 would have had an expectation of privacy with regards to the people receiving their personal information).

23. *The method of Claim 22, wherein, when the authenticating step is not successful, the provided graphical information does not include the presence and availability information which the second user is entitled to receive (Obvious to not provide presence and availability information to requesting users who are strangers, rather than supervisors or customers of the user supplying the personal information).*

24. *The method of Claim 13, wherein the communication devices of the first and second users are part of an enterprise network (Users are employees of the same business, wherein the devices are used for keeping track of one another (paragraph 0042)).*

25. *A system for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:*

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*a network server operable to receive, by means of a packet switched network, a request from a second user for graphical information associated with the first user (**Kawamura teaches providing the graphical information of Figure 10 to a requesting user**); and*

*a resource manager operable (a) to provide the second user with the graphical information, wherein the graphical information comprises one or more fields for receiving an inputted text message for the first user (**Graphical information shown in Kawamura's Figure 10 includes a field for receiving inputted text message for the first user with respect to the "Message Mail-Contents" field, wherein the text message is transmitted by electronic mail (paragraph 0103)) and a plurality of communication options for transmission of the inputted text message to the first user, the plurality of communication options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call (IDC Executive Brief teaches providing a plurality of options for transmitting text messages by using a speech interface for converting text to voice)** and (b), when the second user selects one or more of the plurality of communication options, provide the text message to the first user by means of the selected one or more communication options (**IDC Executive Brief teaches providing a plurality of options for transmitting text messages by using a speech interface for converting text to voice**).*

26. *The system of Claim 25, wherein the plurality of communication options includes at least one of voice mail and a telephone call (**IDC Executive Brief teaches voicemail and telephone call with regards to the use of the text to voice speech interface ('Messaging Applications' on page 2)**).*

27. *The system of Claim 25, wherein the provided graphical information is configured as at least one Web page (**Obvious to format the graphical information as a Web page since this format is universally available**).*

32. *The system of Claim 25, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a listing of individuals, a corresponding skill of each listed individual, and contact information associated with each of the listed individuals (**Graphical information includes the listing in Figure 12, wherein managers are specified and wherein the corresponding skill includes the "Fourth Development" or "Third Development"**).*

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33. *The system of Claim 26, wherein, when the at least one of voice mail and a telephone call is selected by the second user, further comprising:*

a text-to-speech engine operable to convert the inputted text message into a corresponding audio message; and wherein the resource manager is further operable to forward the corresponding audio message to the first user by means of the selected at least one of voice mail and a telephone call (IDC Executive Brief teaches voicemail and telephone call with regards to the use of the text to voice speech interface ('Messaging Applications' on page 2)).

34. *The system of Claim 25, further comprising:*

an authentication engine operable to authenticate the identification of the second user; and

a rules administrator operable to apply one or more rules to determine for the second user what presence and availability information which the second user is entitled to receive and include such presence and availability information in the provided graphical information (Obvious to provide authentication in Kawamura since the user whose presence and availability are provided in the graphical form in Figure 10 would have had an expectation of privacy with regards to the people receiving their personal information).

35. *The system of Claim 34, wherein, when the authentication is not successful, the provided graphical information does not include the presence and availability information which the second user is entitled to receive (Obvious to not provide presence and availability information to requesting users who are strangers, rather than supervisors or customers of the user supplying the personal information).*

36. *The system of Claim 25, wherein the communication devices of the first and second users are part of an enterprise network (Users are employees of the same business, wherein the devices are used for keeping track of one another (paragraph 0042)).*

37. *A system for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:*

a network server operable to receive, by means of a packet switched network, a request from a second user for graphical information associated with the first user (Kawamura teaches providing the graphical information of Figure 10 to a requesting user);

a resource manager operable (a) to provide the second user with the graphical information, wherein the graphical information comprises one or more fields for receiving an inputted text message for the first user (Graphical information shown in Kawamura's Figure 10 includes a field for receiving inputted text message for the first user with respect to the "Message Mail-Contents" field, wherein the text message is transmitted by electronic mail (paragraph 0103)); (b) to convert the inputted text message into a corresponding audio stream (IDC Executive Brief teaches providing a plurality of options for transmitting text messages by using a speech interface for converting text to voice); and (c) send the corresponding audio stream to least one of a live voice communication device and a voice mail repository associated with the first user (IDC Executive Brief teaches voicemail and telephone call with regards to the use of the text to voice speech interface ('Messaging Applications' on page 2)).

38. *The system of Claim 37, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a plurality of communication options for transmission of the inputted text message to the first user, the plurality of communication options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call and wherein, when the second user selects one or more of the plurality of communication options, the text message is provided to the first user by means of the selected one or more communication options (IDC Executive Brief teaches providing a plurality of options for transmitting text messages by using a speech interface for converting text to voice).*

39. *The system of Claim 38, wherein the selected one or more of the plurality of communication options includes at least one of voice mail and a telephone call (IDC Executive Brief teaches voicemail and telephone call with regards to the use of the text to voice speech interface ('Messaging Applications' on page 2)).*

40. *The system of Claim 37, wherein the provided graphical information is configured as at least one Web page (Obvious to format the graphical information as a Web page since this format is universally available).*

45. *The system of Claim 37, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a listing of individuals, a corresponding skill of each listed individual, and contact information associated with each of the listed individuals (Graphical information includes the listing in Figure 12, wherein managers are specified and wherein the corresponding skill includes the "Fourth Development" or "Third Development").*

46. *The system of Claim 37, wherein the providing operation comprises the sub-operations of:*

authenticating the identification of the second user;

applying one or more rules to determine for the second user what presence and availability information which the second user is entitled to receive; and

including such presence and availability information in the provided graphical information (Obvious to provide authentication in Kawamura since the user whose presence and availability are provided in the graphical form in Figure 10 would have had an expectation of privacy with regards to the people receiving their personal information).

47. *The system of Claim 46, wherein, when the authenticating sub-operation is not successful, the provided graphical information does not include the presence and availability information which the second user is entitled to receive (Obvious to not provide presence and availability information to requesting users who are strangers, rather than supervisors or customers of the user supplying the personal information).*

48. *The system of Claim 37, wherein the communication devices of the first and second users are part of an enterprise network (Users are employees of the same business, wherein the devices are used for keeping track of one another (paragraph 0042)).*

50. *A computer readable medium comprising processor executable instructions to perform the steps of Claim 13 (Kawamura uses computers (paragraph 0002)).*

9. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al. in view of Archer (US 6683870 B1).

Kawamura does not teach providing a location option in the graphical information. However, Archer teaches providing a "find-me" system for a user with multiple communication devices (column 2, lines 9-18) which corresponds to a location option in a LAN system (Figure 6 and column 10, lines 28-35). Therefore, it would have been obvious to provide a "find-me"/location option for a LAN system as describe in Archer in the graphical information of Kawamura for the reason that the user in Kawamura has multiple communication devices such as extension telephone, destination telephone, email device. With respect to the claims below, references to the prior art appear in parenthesis.

Claim

4. *The method of Claim 1, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a location option to locate a communication device through which the first user is currently directly contactable (Archer teaches to provide "find-me"/location option to a LAN system for a user with multiple communication devices).*

5. *The method of Claim 4, wherein, when the location option is selected by the second user, the method further comprises:*

initiating a plurality of communications with a plurality of communication devices associated with the first user; and
when the first user responds to one or more of the plurality of communications, notifying the second user of the communication device corresponding to the responded to one or more of the plurality of communications (Archer teaches to provide "find-me"/location option to a LAN system for a user with multiple communication devices, wherein the second user is notified of the responding device when a voice communication is initiated over, for example, a destination telephone number such as a cell phone).

10. Claim 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al. in view of Vitikainen et al. (US 7203297 B2).

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Kawamura does not teach a personal message from the first user to the second user. However, Vitikainen explicitly teaches providing personal messages from the first user to designated second users over multimedia such as text, sound, images or video (column 6, lines 29-41; column 6, line 57 to column 7, line 10; and column 7, lines 29-36). Therefore, it would have been obvious to provide personal messages in the graphical information of Kawamura since Vitikainen explicitly teaches providing personal messages in a multimedia system such as text and image messaging systems. With respect to the claims below, references to the prior art appear in parenthesis.

Claims

6. *The method of Claim 1, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a personal message from the first user to the second user (Personal messages to the second user is explicitly taught by Vitikainen).*

11. Claim 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al. in view of Rasansky et al. (US 5960406 A).

Kawamura does not teach an activity description with a request for user participation and alternate date request. However, such an activity description with a request for user participation and alternate date request is explicitly taught by Rasansky (Figures 17A-17B) for scheduling two users, wherein graphical information is transmitted over Internet to invite users to an activity and includes alternative dates from which to select. Therefore, it would have been obvious to include Rasansky's graphical scheduling system in Kawamura for the reason that a skilled artisan would have been motivated to include the known scheduling system in order to provide more functions to the Kawamura graphical information. With respect to the claims below, references to the prior art appear in parenthesis.

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Claims

7. *The method of Claim 1, wherein the provided graphical information comprises at least one activity description involving the first and second users, a response indicator indicating whether or not the second user can participate in the at least one activity, and a request for an alternate date acceptable to the second user for the at least one activity description (Rasansky explicitly teaches the graphical scheduling system using a calendar with alternate dates (Figures 17A-17B)).*

12. Claims 17, 18, 28, 29, 41 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura and IDC and further in view of Archer as applied above.

Claim

17. *The method of Claim 13, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a location option to locate a communication device through which the first user is currently directly contactable (Archer teaches to provide "find-me"/location option to a LAN system for a user with multiple communication devices).*

18. *The method of Claim 17, wherein, when the location option is selected by the second user, the method further comprises:*

initiating a plurality of communications with a plurality of communication devices associated with the first user; and
when the first user responds to one or more of the plurality of communications, notifying the second user of the communication device corresponding to the responded to one or more of the plurality of communications (Archer teaches to provide "find-me"/location option to a LAN system for a user with multiple communication devices, wherein the second user is notified of the responding device when a voice communication is initiated over, for example, a destination telephone number such as a cell phone).

28. *The system of Claim 25, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a location option to locate a communication device through which the first user is currently directly contactable (Archer teaches to provide "find-me"/location option to a LAN system for a user with multiple communication devices).*

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29. *The system of Claim 28, wherein, when the location option is selected by the second user, the resource manager is further operable to initiate a plurality of communications with a plurality of communication devices associated with the first user and, when the first user responds to one or more of the plurality of communications, notify the second user of the communication device corresponding to the responded to one or more of the plurality of communications (Archer teaches to provide “find-me”/location option to a LAN system for a user with multiple communication devices, wherein the second user is notified of the responding device when a voice communication is initiated over, for example, a destination telephone number such as a cell phone).*

41. *The system of Claim 37, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a location option to locate a communication device through which the first user is currently directly contactable (Archer teaches to provide “find-me”/location option to a LAN system for a user with multiple communication devices).*

42. *The system of Claim 41, wherein, when the location option is selected by the second user, the system initiates a plurality of communications with a plurality of communication devices associated with the first user; and, when the first user responds to one or more of the plurality of communications, notifies the second user of the communication device corresponding to the responded to one or more of the plurality of communications (Archer teaches to provide “find-me”/location option to a LAN system for a user with multiple communication devices, wherein the second user is notified of the responding device when a voice communication is initiated over, for example, a destination telephone number such as a cell phone).*

13. Claims 19, 30 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura and IDC and further in view of Vitikainen as applied above.

Claims

19. *The method of Claim 13, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a personal message from the first user to the second user (Personal messages to the second user is explicitly taught by Vitikainen).*

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30. *The system of Claim 25, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a personal message from the first user to the second user (Personal messages to the second user is explicitly taught by Vitikainen).*

43. *The system of Claim 37, wherein the provided graphical information comprises a personal message from the first user to the second user (Personal messages to the second user is explicitly taught by Vitikainen).*

14. Claims 20, 31 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura and IDC and further in view of Rasansky as applied above.

Claims

20. *The method of Claim 13, wherein the provided graphical information comprises at least one activity description involving the first and second users, a response indicator indicating whether or not the second user can participate in the at least one activity, and a request for an alternate date acceptable to the second user for the at least one activity description (Rasansky explicitly teaches the graphical scheduling system using a calendar with alternate dates (Figures 17A-17B)).*

31. *The system of Claim 25, wherein the provided graphical information comprises at least one activity description involving the first and second users, a response indicator indicating whether or not the second user can participate in the at least one activity, and a request for an alternate date acceptable to the second user for the at least one activity description (Rasansky explicitly teaches the graphical scheduling system using a calendar with alternate dates (Figures 17A-17B)).*

44. *The system of Claim 37, wherein the provided graphical information comprises at least one activity description involving the first and second users, a response indicator indicating whether or not the second user can participate in the at least one activity, and a request for an alternate date acceptable to the second user for the at least one activity description (Rasansky explicitly teaches the graphical scheduling system using a calendar with alternate dates (Figures 17A-17B)).*


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Conclusion

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